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U.S. Application No. 10/613,299
Response to Notice of Allowance1. Remarks/Discussion of Issues

Applicants, by their attorney have received the Notice of Allowance, which is accompanied by the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Examiner provides reasons for allowance for claims 1 and 9.

In response to the Reasons for Allowance appended to the Notice Of Allowance dated July 3, 2006, Applicants and the owner/assignee of the above-identified application do not acquiesce to: (a) the reasoning put forth by the Examiner and (b) any suggestion that patentability is predicated upon one or more specific limitations of the allowed claims.

In particular regard to point (b) above, Applicants respectfully submit and strongly emphasize that it is the claims a whole, and the interrelationships and interconnections between the various elements which are not taught by the applied art. Thus, Applicants strongly caution against focusing on specific claim limitations rather than the claims as a whole.

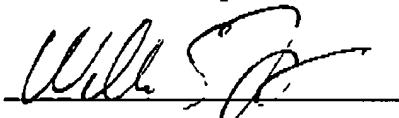
Conclusion

If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0238 for any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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